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<b>0-5</b>	<b>Petition</b> The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty	
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<b>I</b>	<b>Title of Invention</b>	<b>IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND PROGRAM</b>
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<b>V</b>	<b>DESIGNATIONS</b>		
<b>V-1</b>	The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.		
<b>VI-1</b>	<b>Priority claim of earlier national application</b>		
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<b>VII-1</b>	<b>International Searching Authority Chosen</b>	<b>Japan Patent Office (ISA/JP)</b>	
<b>VIII</b>	<b>Declarations</b>	<b>Number of declarations</b>	
<b>VIII-1</b>	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	-	
<b>VIII-2</b>	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	-	
<b>VIII-3</b>	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	-	
<b>VIII-4</b>	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	-	
<b>VIII-5</b>	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	-	

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<b>IX</b>	<b>Check list</b>	<b>number of sheets</b>	<b>electronic file(s) attached</b>
IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	3	✓
IX-2	Description	14	-
IX-3	Claims	2	-
IX-4	Abstract	1	✓
IX-5	Drawings	13	-
IX-7	TOTAL	33	
	<b>Accompanying Items</b>	<b>paper document(s) attached</b>	<b>electronic file(s) attached</b>
IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-
IX-17	PCT-SAFE physical media	-	✓
IX-19	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract	3	
IX-20	Language of filing of the international application	Japanese	
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10-3	Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application	
10-4	Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2)	
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